Projects included in AIBP and falling in above categories are eligible for 90% grant under AIBP. New projects which could be included in AIBP as per guidelines of the programme and falling in above category are also eligible for 90% grant.

In addition, the projects selected as Nationa Projects as per following criteria are also eligible for 90% grant of project cost of irrigation and drinking water compontents subject to working out the mode of financing in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission;

(i) International projects where usage of water in India is required by a treaty or where planning and early completion of the project is necessary in the interest of the country.

(ii) Inter-state projects which are dragging on due to non-resolution of inter-State issues relating to sharing of costs, rehabilitation, aspects of power production etc., including river interlinking projects.

(iii) Intra-state projects with additional potential of more than 2,00,000 ha. and with no dispute regarding sharing of water and where hydrology is established.

Any project which is having investment clearance of the Planning Commission irrespective of river/river basin could be included in the AIBP as per guidelines of the Programme in force. The outlay for Eleventh Plan for AIBP is of Rs. 39850 crore.

**Level of ground water in Bundelkhand**

616. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water level is going down in Bundelkhand region and a famine like situation is developing there;

(b) if so, what are the measures, plans to save the people and also the cattle; and

(c) whether the situation has gone out of control or there are hopes of saving the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) As per information received from Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and Ministry of Agriculture, fall in the ground water level has been observed in some parts of Bundelkhand region. The measures taken to arrest the decline in ground water table include construction of percolation tanks, roof top rain water harvesting structures. Relief measures have also been taken in the drought affected areas.

**Fund for Water Bodies in Rural Areas**

617. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: will the Miniter of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund being made available to the State Governments/agencies for rehabilitation/renewal of minor water bodies in the rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the said scheme has been operationalised at the national level;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to carry out a survey of minor water bodies on a national level and allocate funds for their revival so that the problem of potable water and water for minor irrigation purposes can be solved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY, PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Ministry of Water Resources, Government of